

Maine Offshore Wind Research Array Project Wildlife Work Session #1

March 5, 2021
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
AGENDA

Register at: <https://cbuilding.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJkde-vqz8uHNNpF7tjG97XW3PSNMG6hvul>

Objectives:

- Set expectations and goals of working sessions
- Understand what data is currently available to determine which species are present in the research area of interest, focusing on those populations most vulnerable
- Generate ideas for additional data sets that may be useful to consider in next 2-3 months to inform siting
- Define clear next steps and schedule

	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
1:15	Technology check	
1:30 – 1:45	Welcome and Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Cross, Maine Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife • Laura Taylor Singer, Facilitator for CBI
1:45 – 2:00	About Maine’s Offshore Wind Initiative and the Floating Offshore Research Array	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celina Cunningham, Governor’s Energy Office
2:00 -3:00	Understanding Data to Inform Siting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What data do we have to inform which species are present in this area? • Are there better areas to explore and other areas to be concerned about? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wing Goodale, Biodiversity Research Institute • Sofie Van Parijs, National Marine Fisheries Service
3:00 – 3:15	Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participants select breakout group
3:15 – 4:00	Breakout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does initial data tell us? • Are there other available data sources to help inform research array siting? 	Two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds and Bats • Marine Mammals and Other Species
4:00 – 4:20	Report Back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated discussion on what we know and uncertainties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Field, CBI
4:20-4:30	Wrap-up and Next Steps: Where Do We Go From Here to Refine Our Input?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBI